IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Swearingen et al. § Group Art Unit: 2144

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Authorizing a Restricted Callable Status

in an Instant Messaging System

35525 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE CUSTOMER NUMBER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of September 16, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.